MAXIMIZING MEDICATION SAFETY

Tell your health care provider

you want to know the names of each medication being given to you and the reasons you are taking them. By asking questions you might prevent errors.

Look at all medications before you take them.

If you don't know what they're for, or if they look different than expected, ask why. It might be a generic medication, or it might be the wrong medication.

Before any test or procedure,

be certain your health care providers are aware of any medication or food allergies and medications you currently take. Ask if there are special instructions concerning your medications before and after the procedure.

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